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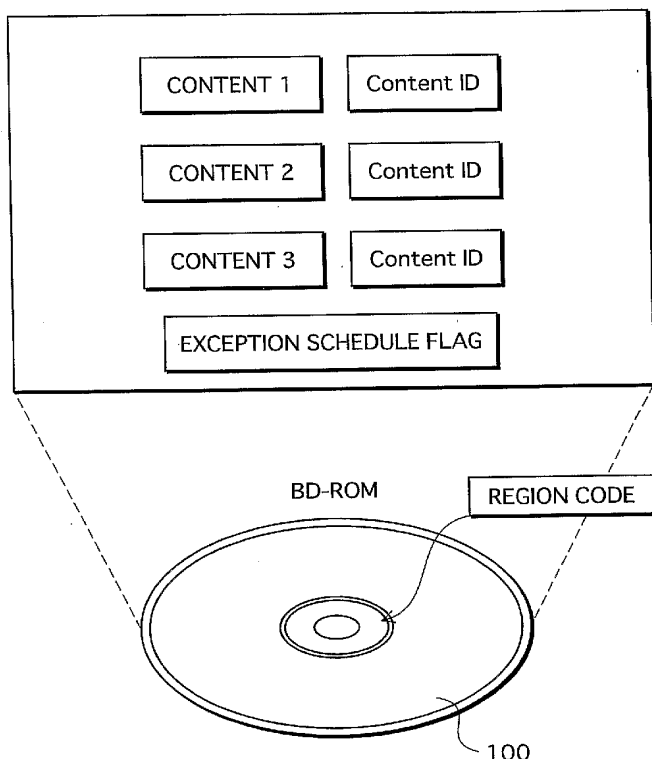
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(54) Title: **PLAYBACK APPARATUS, PLAYBACK AUTHORIZATION SERVER, PROGRAM, AND SYSTEM INTEGRATED
CIRCUIT**



(57) Abstract: The playback apparatus of the present invention is able to judge whether a region code assigned to a BD-ROM matches a region code assigned to the playback apparatus. When the judgment result is in the affirmative, the playback apparatus plays back the content recorded on the optical disc. When the judgment result is in the negative, the playback apparatus does not play back the content, except when an exceptional playback is authorized. The exceptional playback is authorized when a combination of the content identifier of the content to be played back and the apparatus region code satisfies a predetermined condition defined by a right owner of the content.



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